THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) All the States/UTs except the newly created States of Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Uttaranchal have constituted Blood Transfusion Councils.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Norms for Adoption of Ayurveda Colleges as Centre of Excellence

31. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ayurveda Colleges of any State have been adopted by Government as Centre of excellence;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government maintain any norms in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government will consider to adopt any of the Ayurveda Colleges in Kerala as Centre of excellence; and

(f) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) No such scheme has been formulated.

(e) to (f) Do not arise.

Strengthening of Rural Hospitals

32. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any project of strengthening rural hospitals has been implemented by Government with the help of World Bank;

(b) if so, the names of States in which such project has been implemented, so far;

(c) whether the Government of Kerala has submitted any such proposal to implement the same in Kerala;

(d) if so, the stage at which the matter stands at present;

(e) whether Government propose to recommend the same to World Bank; and

(f) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The World Bank Aided Reproductive and Child Health Programme launched in 1997-98 is being implemented in all the States of the country. Under this scheme the Primary Health Care System is strengthened by proividing additional ANMs, PHNs, Staff Nurses, Lab Technicians, Safe Motherhood Consultants and Anesthetists on contractual basis and support for Civil Works besides supply of vaccines, drugs and equipments and strengthening of IEC, MIS, NGOs participation and training activities etc. The World Bank assisted IPP IX Population Project is being implemented in the entire State of Assam, 10 backward districts of Rajasthan, 13 backward districts of Karnataka, at a total revised project cost of Rs. 422.59 crores. 24 World bank assisted Reproductive and Child Health Sub-projects in 17 States (Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Mizoram, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal are under implementation from October, 1977 to address the gaps in the delivery of Family Welfare and Health Care Services, in selected districts/cities. The total cost of these sub-projects is Rs. 283.88 crores. In seven States, namely Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal, Karnataka, Punjab, Orissa, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh the World Bank aided State Health Systems Development Projects (SHSDPs) are under implementation. The principal objective of SHSDPs is to upgrade secondary level facilities in district, sub-district hospitals and Community Health Centres.

(e) to (f) Government of Kerala had submitted a project proposal

for World Bank assisted State Health System Development Project which was sent to Planning Commission and other appraising agencies for comments. Comments have since been received and communicated to the State Government with a request to forward quickly a revised project proposal.

Eradication of Malaria

33. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what steps has his Ministry contemplated to control and eradicate Malaria from the country;

(b) what assistance has his Ministry given to Assam Government in this regard, especially when Malaria has taken toll of 100 people and has affected 50,000 people in Assam; and

(c) what steps his Ministry taken to punish the mosquito net racketeers of last year and whether these steps are effective?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) Steps taken for prevention and control of Malaria are as under:—

1. Early Detection and Prompt Treatment (EDPT) of cases has been intensified by gearing up surveillance.
2. Facilities for detection and treatment of cases have been extended to the village level by involving community volunteers as Drug Distribution Centre (DDCs) and Malaria Link Volunteers (MLVs) in high-risk areas.
3. Rapid Diagnostic Kits for malaria case detection has been introduced for piloting.
4. Identification of referral centre for the management of severe and complicated malaria.
5. Providing alternative anti-malarials in Choloroquine resistant area.